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EDITORIAL

Some people whose ancestors fought for freedom are now too lazy to collect scrap rubber.

It will be time enough to criticize our Allies when we have done as much to overthrow the Axis.

Inflation is an enemy to be shunned. Savings help the situation, especially if placed in War Bonds.

The Army buys about 7,000,000 pounds of sugar every week, which represents 100 carsloads. A sixty-day supply is maintained at all times.

The nation is spending plenty of money for war but it is better than saving our money and letting Hitler, Hirohito and Co. take over the United States.

The collection of scrap rubber in one small Centre county town may make available a rubber lifeboat for the use of the crew of a bomber operating in the Pacific.

A lot of people of Centre county, according to reports reaching us, are familiar with the deadly peril that confronts the United States, yet are careless in their approach to war problems. They rely upon the mistaken theory that somebody else will do the job.

The Governors of thirty-six States, meeting in conference at Asheville, N. C., recently, adopted unanimously resolutions paying tribute to President Roosevelt's leadership and wisdom, and pledging him full co-operation in support of the war program. The Governors included Democrats and Republicans, New Dealers and anti-New Dealers, and representatives of every section of the country.

American weakness in the Pacific is the result of our national policy of not fortifying strategic islands and of limiting our naval forces to a ratio with Japan that permitted the enemy to acquire naval supremacy in the Far East where the decisive fighting has taken place up to this time. The flip-off of Japanese policy many years ago, was the refusal to permit the ships of other nations to enter the ports of mandated islands. This secrecy was necessary in order to prepare for war and the United States acquiesced without calling the Japanese bluff.

SOVIET WAR LOSSES HEAVY

The Soviet Information Bureau recently reviewed the first year of the war with Germany, declaring "Hitlerite calculations ended in a fiasco." There can be little doubt about the collapse of Hitler's plan for a quick victory in Russia. As a result of winter operations and losses inflicted by the Red Army, the Soviet Bureau insists that the "foundations of the German military machine was shaken." In a comparison of losses suffered by the belligerents in one year, the Bureau gives figures for Germany and the Soviet Union. Some doubt may be expressed at the estimated losses of Germany—10,000,000 men killed, wounded and taken prisoner; 30,500 tanks; 24,000 tanks; 30,000 planes. At the same

time, there is no reason to doubt the stupendous losses admitted by the Soviet Union: 4,500,000 men killed, wounded and taken prisoner; 22,000 guns; 15,000 tanks; and 9,000 planes. The losses reported by Russia measure the extent of Russia's contribution to the success of the United Nations. Few nations in the world could sustain such losses and maintain its firm conviction that "the day on which Hitler declared war against Soviet Russia was the beginning of the end of Hitlerite Germany." The continuous fighting strength of the Red Army, after such enormous losses, demonstrates not only the patriotism of the Russian leader, but such a sacrifice on the field of battle in one year entitles the Soviet Union and the Russian people to the respect and admiration of the people of the world.

OUR ARM-CHAIR WARRIORS

One of the by-products of the Nazi victory in North Africa is renewed sniping at the British by the arm-chair brigade in the United States. There is little sense and no grace in deriding brave soldiers stricken with death and disaster. If the critics can justify their mouthy comments, nothing will be gained. If they cannot, their attitude is indefensible. The next time you hear somebody lambasting the British, you will discover, if you inquire, that he, or she, was just as quick to slander the soldiers on Bataan and slur the dead sailors at Pearl Harbor. The American custom of sitting in the grandstand and lambasting the players upon the field reveals its naked nastiness in such belly-aching. Common loyalty and ordinary justice should restrain us from throwing verbal brickbats at men who are fighting and dying. If the war is not being fought in a manner satisfactory to any American, regardless of age, the patriotic procedure involves volunteering for active duty. If any reader of this article wants to fight the war in a better way and finds difficulty in getting into the armed services, let us know. We believe the matter can be arranged.

'SOMETHING' MUST BE DONE

Yes, boys and girls, we believe the Japanese occupation of the Aleutian islands is dangerous. Certainly, we think "something" should be done about it and the quicker the better. Despite the mumbling on the home-front we have no suspicion that the Army, Navy and Marine Corps are not doing anything about it. We suspect that they are not interested, just now, in telling everything to the American public and the Japanese. It is positively amazing how readily the average citizen assumes that men charged with conducting the military and naval affairs of this nation are nincompoops. It is hardly patriotic to assume, as many do, that generals and admirals are fiddling away while the enemy takes the entire Aleutian string of islands. The average civilian may rest assured that the men who will have to fight the war are anxious to do it with as little loss of lives as possible. They are not going to give the Japanese any advantages without a reason. It might pay some arm-chair warriors to seek the reason.

BLAMES MENTAL SPECIALIST

A Yankee psychiatrist contends that "mentally sick" Hitler is at large today instead of being in an insane asylum because a German mental specialist who examined the future before he rose to power completely muffed the diagnosis. Terming it "the most fateful diagnostic failure in all history," Dr. Charles H. Dolfhoff, of Concord, N. H., former president of the New Hampshire medical society declared in the New England Journal of medicine: "As far back as 1923, when this Pseudo-Caesar, who could not even pass his school examinations, started his first uprising, or putsch, against the existing German government, he was put under examination for his mental condition and the psychiatrist who examined Hitler plainly muffed the diagnosis. "Instead of recognizing that he had on his hands a dangerous paranoiac who should be locked up indefinitely, he merely called the sick Hitler a fanatical psychopath and all Hitler got was six months in jail.

GERMANS EXPECT TO WIN

It might interest Americans to know that the people of Germany have high hopes for a swift victory and that they are ready for further sacrifices in order to exploit the present favorable situation. In plain language, the Nazis hope to win the war by beating the Russians before the Anglo-American offensive can begin on the western front. These Germans believe that, after Russia is whipped, they can take care of anything that the United States and Great Britain can offer. The Axis nationals are elated by the victory of General Rommel in Africa, the renewed offensive against the Red Army and the spectacular successes of the Japanese in the Far East. They see victory around the corner, just after the present campaigns are concluded.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL POSTPONED

The Red Cross will not hold its annual Roll Call in November but that the drive will be combined with its next war fund appeal, scheduled for March, 1943. This decision will strike most of us as reasonable and impress upon us all, as President Roosevelt says, that the month of March, 1943, is "Red Cross month."

The decision of this great organization, valuable in peace and war, not to participate in joint fundraising campaigns is wise. Naturally, the Red Cross wants to "maintain direct contact with the people who constitute its membership" and this would be impossible in any consolidated campaign drive. The Red Cross is big enough and worthy enough to have its own campaign. It should retain its distinctive organization and maintain itself for direct service to the people in disasters and to the armed forces during war.

ABOUT 'UNGUARDED REMARKS'

An American soldier in Ireland writes his father, who happens to be a member of Congress, that the "German radio stations pick up things said in the House and make propaganda out of it." The father, Representative Allen, of Louisiana, recently appealed to the members of the House to "see to it that Hitler and his bunch, may not derive comfort from unguarded remarks." The admonition can be accepted by all who speak or write for the public. It can be acted upon by careless citizens who gesticulate about little discomforts and repeat silly insinuations tending to discredit the American war effort.

BOMBERS EVERYWHERE

Announcement from Chungking that an Army bomber command of the United States is in China to join the "Flying Tigers," in aerial operations against the Japanese is additional evidence that our war effort is gaining momentum. The Chinese announcement follows revelation that American bombers scored thirty-five direct hits on two Italian battleships in operations in the Mediterranean on June 15th. This report was preceded by news of a raid by Army bombers upon the oil fields of Rumania, where enormous fires caused considerable damage. It is safe to predict that our bombers will play an increasingly important role in the fighting in Europe and Asia. Just when this will be possible depends upon the construction of adequate bases which requires much longer time than most people imagine.

The raid upon Rumania and the attack upon Italian battleships indicate that we have base facilities in North Africa, Syria, or the Near East. Activity in China, which we anticipate at any time, will disclose the completion of ground preparations for aerial activity.

How They Love It!



LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa: A boy I like very much has asked to have my picture made in a bathing suit. He hasn't asked me for any other kind of photograph, although I have several and he knows it. Would you give it to him? A. M. Tennessee.

Answer: I certainly would not have my picture taken in a bathing suit to give to a boy. It is one thing for a group of young people at the beach to take snapshots and quite another for a boy to ask you to have your picture taken in a bathing suit for him to keep in his room. I should not take such a request as a compliment. Yours, LOUISA.

To E. C.—Tennessee: Your only salvation will be for you and your husband to move out of his parent's home. With four children to take care of, you deserve a home of your own and should not be made to live with people who show you no consideration. If your husband only knew how much happier all of you would be, including your parents, he would lose no time in finding a place to move. The old people have their faults, I know, and are probably very critical of everything you do and interfere with the management of the children. But, on the other hand, you and the children probably worry them as much as they do you. If you explain this to your husband and if he has any reason left, I am sure he will agree to a change. Good luck. LOUISA.

To F. B.—North Carolina: You say that the young man was devoted to you and came to see you a great deal during your two months visit of your sister; now he has stopped, but says that he doesn't want to stop. (Continued on Page Eight)



How's your aim my chewin' friend? because them days is at an end, when you could squirt your juice carefree, at cuspidors' proximity. The shiny spittoon squat and fat, on set upon a rubber mat, so poor shots at a cuspidor, would not with brown shealck the floor. Mats' neath the goboons at the club, gave comfort to the spittin' dub, whose aim was never accurate, though oft he did exporator. Tobacco chewers, Senators, must now be careful of the floors, and if their spittin' aim is bum, they'd better switch to chewin' gum; for marble floors wont look so hot, with here and there an amber spot, to metely attest and acclaim, some spittin' Solon had poor aim. So Harold you will never know, the consternation grief and woe; you've spread among the chewin' clan, with your deruberizin' plan, which whisked away the rubber mat, on which the shiny spittoon sat. But on the whole there's little squawk, we're just enjoyin' silly talk. For after all that rubber mat, will help to knock the Axis flat, as with good aim we'll spit with guns, and not at cuspidors—but HUNS.

THE OFFICE CAT "A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men"

According to a story, Mussolini died and went to Paradise, where he was warmly greeted by Napoleon. "God will be here in a few minutes," said Napoleon. "Since you are new here, you should probably be warned that we rise when He enters." "What! I get up? Don't forget that I am the Duce." "I am Caesar," states a voice, "yet I have the manners to rise." "Not I!" says Mussolini. The argument is becoming warm when Machiavelli approaches. "Peace, friends," he exclaims. "I will arrange everything." Three solemn knocks announce the coming of God. "Attention!" thunders Machiavelli. "Here comes the photographer." Whereupon Mussolini hops to his feet, folds his arms, sticks out his chin and chest. Peace reigns.

The Wrong Pew Cussing, plain and fancy, came from an auto parked along one of the main highways the other night. A passing State cop stopped and wanted to know what all the fuss was about. "Some so-and-so stole my steering gear," complained the woody motorist. "Take it easy," admonished the cop, "just get up here in the front seat where you belong."

Parable of the Isms Socialism—If you have two cows, you give one to your neighbor. Communism—If you have two cows, you give them to the government and the government gives you some milk. Fascism—If you have two cows, you keep the cows and give the milk to the government; then the government sells you milk. Nazism—If you have two cows, the government shoots you and keeps the cows. Capitalism—If you have two cows, you sell one and buy a bull.

By Any Other Name The gentle little lady who had been watching antics of a Pekinese in a pet shop window came in to price them. "That bitch," said the salesman, pointing, "you can have for \$30, or the bitch there for \$35." The lady winced perceptibly. "What's the matter, madam," asked the salesman, "aren't you familiar with the term 'bitch'?" "Yes," she said haughtily, "but I've never before heard it applied to dogs."

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CHEW BEECH NERTS GUM It's the chuckle that makes the big difference in chewing gum. You can't chew Beech Nerts without giggling your head off. In this way you grow fat and happy, develop a charming personality and a handsome jaw. Just the thing between smokes. Chew Beech Nerts between smokes. If you smoke 40 cigars a day, that's eight packs of gum, but what the hell—think of the pleasure. Try our new flavor, Queer Mint.

SMOKE SCRAMELS The cigarette that's so fresh it's insulting. Don't smoke the cellophane wrapper from the Scramel package. Buy a cigar instead.

TRY 4-IN-ONE ERL If you want a smooth running office, hand out the oil freely. We make a special oil, made from bananas, for this purpose. It is especially good for pouring on troubled water; and also acts as a protection against insurance agents, poor relations, visiting friends, etc. Tune in on the 4-in-One program, and hear Rusty Columbus sing "Why Not Take Oil of Me?"

DUCKIES ARE BOASTED Boasting is a secret process which keeps you thinking Duckie Cigarettes are the nuts. It's our protection against that harsh, irritating, falling sales. Sophie Zilch says: "I always duck Duckies. I cannot afford to take chances with my nerve. That's why I duck Duckies. In fact, I don't smoke at all, but what the heck, a lady must live."

BLISTERINE RUB ENDS FANNITOSIS Ninety per cent of fannitosis (large beams) is caused by sitting. Sitting at bridge tables, sitting at luncheon, sitting in taprooms, sitting in automobiles, sitting on your husband, on the children. Blisterine looks innocent—but when you apply it—oh boy. You won't do much sitting down. In fact, you'll dance upstairs and downstairs, all over the house. And in this way you will get rid of fannitosis. Use it morning, noon and night, and between times.

BURP'S BEER MAKES BETTER BABIES Burp's beer is more than a drink. It contains vitamins I, O, U, and A, W, O, L. Feed your loved ones Burp's beer and watch their little bodies fill out and out. You're full of hops when you drink Burp's beer. Comes wrapped in cellophane.

On Official Duty Shipwrecked Sailor—"Why does that big cannibal look at us so intently?" His Companion—"I expect he's the food inspector." That's all, folks. If a girl expects to win a husband she ought to exhibit a generous nature—or else how generous nature has been to her. —"SCAT."

Query & Answer Column

- D. P.—What did the Army ration consist of in the Revolutionary War? Ans.—In 1775 the Army ration included 16 ounces salt beef, 12 ounces salt pork, 12 ounces bacon, 16 ounces dried fish, 2,285 ounces corn meal, 6,857 ounces dry beans, 411 gill syrup, beer or cider.
- J. J. M.—What possessions does Great Britain own in the Mediterranean Sea? Ans.—British possessions in the Mediterranean include Gibraltar, the Maltese Islands, and Cyprus.
- D. F. G.—What were the real circumstances of the death of "Stone-wall" Jackson? Ans.—On March 2, 1863, General Jackson was returning from a reconnaissance with several members of his force, and in the dusk the party was mistaken for persons of great wealth, but the Fish and Wildlife Service says that as far as it knows, there are no published records of humming-birds being used for food.
- C. F. D.—By whom was George Washington nominated to be Commander-in-Chief of the Continental forces? Ans.—Colonel Washington was nominated to command all the Continental forces on June 5, 1775, by Thomas Johnson, delegate from Maryland. He was elected by a unanimous vote.
- A. L.—What foods contain sugar? Ans.—Some sugar is contained in practically every food, even including meat.
- C. L. D.—Who was the first ambassador appointed by the United States? Ans.—The United States did not appoint ambassadors until the close of the nineteenth century. The first was Thomas F. Bayard of Delaware accredited to Great Britain on March 30, 1893.
- F. N. R.—What animal was supposed by the ancients to have the ability to see through the thickest of walls? Ans.—Greek and Roman legend attributes such powers to the lynx, whence the epithet lynx-eyed.
- P. F. D.—What was the value of the estate of the President's mother, Sara Delano Roosevelt, and how much of it did she leave him? Ans.—Mrs. Roosevelt bequeathed the bulk of her estate to her son. It included all of her real estate and nine-tenths of the residuary estate consisting of personal property, bank deposits and securities. The net estate was valued at \$1,089,872.
- O. R.—How much paper is used annually in the United States to make cigars? Ans.—About 9,000 tons.
- N. C. D.—What Civil War song caused Secretary Stanton to order the arrest of the composer? Ans.—"Give Us Back Our Old Commander, Little Mac, the People's Pride." Secretary Stanton ruled that to sing the song was to be guilty of treason. The composer was brought before a military tribunal. More than 80,000 copies of the song were sold shortly after publication.
- S. McD.—Has the new bridge at Niagara Falls been completed? Ans.—The Rainbow bridge at Niagara Falls was completed in October, 1941, at a cost of \$4,000,000. It replaces the one wrecked by ice in January, 1938.
- O. D. H.—Where is the late King Alfonso XIII of Spain buried? Ans.—King Alfonso died in Rome on February 28, 1941. The Franco government granted permission for his burial in the royal mausoleum of the Escorial near Madrid.
- A. Y.—Where is the largest active volcano in the world? Ans.—Mauna Loa, "Long Mountain," in Hawaii is the world's largest active volcano.
- T. H. B.—Has poison gas been used in battle since the first World War? Ans.—Since 1918 poison gas has been used on a fairly large scale only once in actual combat by the Italians in Ethiopia. It is also said that the Japanese use it to some extent in China.
- A. D. N.—What effect does altitude have upon the amount of sugar used in baking? Ans.—Experiments made in Colorado at high elevations show that there must be a decrease in the amount of sugar as altitude increases.
- B. R.—When were italics first used in printing? Ans.—Italics were first used by Aldus Manutius, founder of the Aldine Press, in printing an edition of Vergil in 1501. He is said to have used as his model the beautiful handwriting of the poet Petrarch.
- M. G.—What is meant by the hedgehog system of defense? Ans.—It is a system of fortifying a position in such a way that it can withstand attack from all sides. It is used by the Germans in Russia.
- S. S.—How many lifeboats does a battleship carry? Ans.—The Navy Department says that two large boats are carried on an American battleship during wartime. However, sufficient life floats and floater nets are provided for the entire complement.
- P. G.—What bird's speech most nearly resembles that of human beings? Ans.—The crested mynah from Eastern Asia can be taught to talk, and their voices resemble human voices more closely than do those of parrots.
- C. J.—How old does a man have to be before he can be elected President of the United States? Ans.—The Constitution of the United States requires that to be elected to the office of President one must be 35 years of age or over.
- F. P.—How much coffee does the average person consume in a year? Ans.—In 1941 Americans used up an average of sixteen pounds per person. This was a record year.
- W. B. D.—How much did it cost the Government to ration sugar throughout the country? Ans.—The cost of printing material for the sugar rationing amounted to somewhat less than one million dollars. The total budget for rationing plans covering sugar, tires and gas is somewhat over eighty-seven million dollars.
- A. P. L.—How large are the salt beds around Great Salt Lake? Ans.—The salt beds in the Great Salt Lake region measure 150 square miles and are 25 feet thick.
- W. S.—How many Sunday schools are there? How many people attend? Ans.—According to the 1936 census of religious bodies, published in 1941, churches reporting Sunday schools numbered 162,233. Officers and teachers numbered 2,261,740, and scholars 18,389,001; average number of scholars per church, 113.
- F. R.—Why is Ireland called the Isle of Saints? Ans.—Ile of Saints was the medieval name for Ireland from the welcome it gave Christianity.
- S. C.—What are The Children's Villages? Ans.—The Children's Villages is a cottage colony school, located at Dobbs Ferry, New York, where young neglected children may be sent for protection and social training. This institution is over ninety years old and more than 50,000 children have been received.
- N. W.—In what states is hemp grown? Ans.—Hemp is grown in Kentucky, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois. As early as 1775 hemp was produced in Kentucky for making homespun clothes, rope, twine and sacking. The rigging and cables of Perry's fleet on Lake Erie in 1812 were made from Kentucky hemp, as was the rope of New England ship builders used for tackle on the Yankee clippers.
- V. M.—Is any point on a moving wheel stationary for an instant? Ans.—A moving wheel on a moving vehicle has two motions, one is motion forward and the other is rotation on its axis. With respect to the ground, a point on the top of the wheel travels twice as fast for a brief instant as the hub of the wheel, and the bottom point for a moment is stationary. With respect to the hub of the wheel, the top and bottom are traveling at the same rate.

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